



General Assembly

February Session, 2022

***Raised Bill No. 17***

LCO No. 534



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
FROM WITHHOLDING TRANSCRIPTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2       (1) "Public institution of higher education" means the constituent
- 3       units of the state system of higher education identified in subdivisions
- 4       (1) and (2) of section 10a-1 of the general statutes;
- 5       (2) "Independent institution of higher education" has the same
- 6       meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 10a-173 of the general
- 7       statutes; and
- 8       (3) "Debt" means an obligation, claim or sum that is due or alleged to
- 9       be due to a public institution of higher education or independent
- 10       institution of higher education from a student. "Debt" does not include
- 11       a fee, if any, charged for the actual cost of providing a transcript to a
- 12       student.

13 (b) No public institution of higher education or independent  
14 institution of higher education shall (1) refuse to provide a transcript to  
15 a student who is currently or was formerly enrolled at such institution  
16 because such student owes a debt, (2) condition the provision of a  
17 transcript to such student on the payment of a debt, (3) charge a fee for  
18 the provision of a transcript to such student that is higher than the actual  
19 cost of providing the transcript because such student owes a debt, or (4)  
20 use the issuance of transcript as a method to collect a debt.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit an institution of higher education from withholding a student's transcript for failure to pay a debt owed to the institution.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*